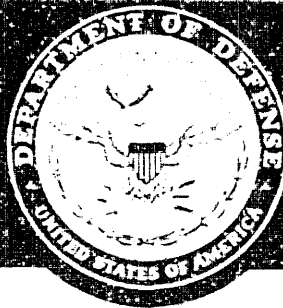


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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY SYLVESTER

The Defense Department stated tonight that a military reconnaissance aircraft conducting surveillance over Cuba is missing and presumed lost.

Surveillance missions will be continued and appropriate measures will be taken to insure that such missions are effective and protected.

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